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MINES COMPLETE 6-MONTH PLAN -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 112, 10 Jun 49

The Kadala Mine Chita Oblast, completed its 6-month coal-mining plan ahead of schedule. In May, the mine saved 250,000 rubles. -- G. Erolov, chief, Kadala Mine

Krasnaya Zvezda, No 150, 28 Jun 49

Transbaykal miners fulfilled the half-year coal-mining and shipping plan ahead of schedule. The leading Kadala and Bukachacha mines fulfilled the 6-month plan in the first 10 days of June. Section No 3 of the second mine of the Bukachacha Mine Administration has mined 5,000 tons of coal above the 6-month plan. The productivity of cutting machines was 11.8 percent above plan.

Khabarovsk Mines Win Honors -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 141, 17 Jun 49

Miners of the "Khabarovskugol'" Combine are meeting their pledge to mine 175,000 tons of coal in 1949. The combine fulfilled the first quarter coal-mining plan 107.7 percent and the plan for mine preparatory work 109.4 percent. The 1949 plan for housing construction was completed in 4 months. The combine was awarded the Transferable Red Banner of the VTsSPS and the Ministry of Coal Industry and first all-Union prize for its work in the all-Union coal industry competition during the first quarter. First prize was also awarded to the "Raychikhugol'" Trust and to the prospecting pit of the Allochkin spur; second prizes were awarded to the Kivdinskiy Mine Administration and the Sorokinskiy prospecting pit. Aleshin, chief of the combine, reports that the leading excavators in the mines have achieved a daily productivity of their machines of up to 5,000 cubic meters, and the best locomotive engineers are hauling out more than 2,500 cubic meters of coal per day.

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AMUR MINES PLEDGE INCREASE -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 135, 10 Jun 49

Sredniy Ural -- The Ural Mine Administration, Khabarovsk Kray, has pledged to complete the 8-month coal-mining plan and the mine-sinking plan by 10 August, to exceed these plans 10 percent, to increase the average daily volume of coal mined by 50 percent, and to reduce costs. The administration has also pledged to complete construction of 380 square meters of housing and to complete capital repair on 2,280 square meters of housing by Miner's Day, 29 August. Kivda miners have been called on to enter the competition.

COKE AND GAS PLANT CONSTRUCTION LAGGING -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 159, 8 Jul 49

The Moscow Coke and Gas Plant is to supply industry with high-calorie coke and Moscow homes with gas. The first unit of this plant is scheduled to begin operations during the last quarter of this year. However, the construction of this plant is proceeding poorly at present.

A plenum of the Moscow City Committee VKP(b) held in May called on the plant constructors to work according to a single combined schedule which would concentrate all efforts in constructing those units necessary to put the plant in partial operation. However, the facts indicate that the constructors and assemblers are working individually, ignoring not only the combined schedule but sometimes violating even their own measures guaranteeing successful operations. For example, the foundry-machine shop was supposed to begin operations in November 1948. It was to make bolts, nuts, and similar parts, the shortage of which had caused a work stoppage in the construction of many units. Nevertheless, this shop has not yet been completed.

The construction schedules of such important units necessary for initial production as the pump station, coal pits, pitch and sulfuric acid warehouses, and others have not been maintained. Although the 6-month assembling plan was fulfilled by 107 percent, plant constructors completed only 93 percent of their 6-month plan.

Until June, the "Moskoksostroy" Trust claimed that an insufficient labor force was the cause of its falling behind. In the month of June, 2,000 more workers arrived on the job, but work was still lagging in the first days of July. The real reasons for the unsatisfactory operations are: poor allocation of workers, incorrect planning of operations, neglect of mechanization of labor-consuming operations, weak mass-political and instruction work, and the absence of many designs and working drafts.

The construction of the plant's TETs can be cited as an example of the last-named inadequacy. The TETs is the heart of the plant and its completion is necessary for the operation of the plant's first production unit. The designs and working drafts of the TETs have so far been inadequate. Zababurin, the plant director, has offered very little aid in drawing up the designs of this TETs.

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